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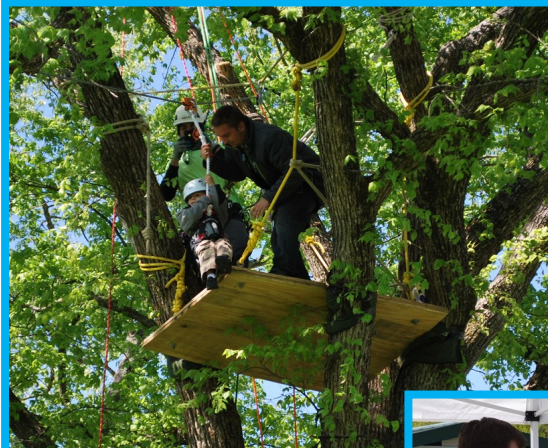


to play local

FUN in Every Season!

Spring 2014

10th Annual - City of Franklin Arbor Day Celebration



**Saturday, April 5th
10am - 2pm
Pinkerton Park
405 Murfreesboro Rd.**

Join the Franklin Tree Commission
and the City of Franklin Parks
for a great opportunity for
FREE family fun!



Over 300 Free Saplings will
be handed out as well as:
Zip lining, Group Tree
Climbing, Corn Hole,
Kids Activities, & More!

Park Day - April 5th at Eastern Flank Battlefield Park-We need YOU!!

In support of the Civil War Trust's 18th Annual Park Day, the national effort to clean up and raise community awareness of Civil War related historic sites; the City of Franklin has joined forces. We are encouraging volunteers to participate in helping to build trails and remove vegetation on Saturday April 5, 2014. This effort is in conjunction with the Battlefield Preservation Commission's goals to prepare the park for the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin in 2014. Please bring gloves, safety glasses, rakes, shovels & a lot of enthusiasm. Please wear appropriate clothes and shoes. We will supply water to drink. To sign up please email parksinfo@franklintn.gov to request a simple registration/release form. For more information please call Deanna at 615-794-2103.





Touch A Truck 2014

FRIDAY MAY 16TH

4:30-7 PM

PINKERTON PARK

405 Murfreesboro Rd. Franklin TN 37064



A great opportunity for your family to join the City of Franklin to celebrate and honor our City Public Works Departments. You will have the opportunity to see up close and even climb in many different vehicles from the Fire, Police, Solid Waste, Streets, Water, and Parks Departments. Fire Trucks, Police Cars, Recycling Trucks, Buses, Tractors, Dump Trucks and more! Entertainment and Inflatables will also be available for extra FREE fun. Food and beverage items will be available for a fee.



Try to imagine...

150 years ago, a last-gasp charge at the Battle of Franklin spelled the end of the Army of Tennessee. Aside from the military heroics, the human story is one you can only try to imagine: Among the

10,000 casualties in five bloody hours is the young Captain Tod Carter, shot down in his own yard after fighting all over the South. The aftermath is indescribable: The burden of the dead and dying, Carrie McGavock's beloved Carnton Plantation home a makeshift hospital for months afterward, her yard soon a Confederate cemetery.

Franklin's preserved Civil War landmarks, antebellum homes, and cemeteries have their own stories to tell. Stories of tragedy and rebirth that shaped the landscape, the people and the heritage of this Southern town.

Make sure to check out all that will be offered in Franklin during 2014 as part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration at the [150th website](#).

A Note From the Franklin City Arborist - Todd Snackenberg



Tree Topping -The Good (there is none), the Bad (it's all bad), & the Ugly (topping trees makes them all ugly).

Just about everyone out there has seen a topped tree and to a *morally* principled arborist or tree lover, it is a ghastly sight. In my profession, I hear people complain about topped trees almost on a daily basis. They call it by different names; tipping, hat-racking, heading, or rounding over, but it all means the same thing, Topping!

What is topping exactly? Topping is basically trimming a tree in the wrong place and by making an incorrect pruning cut the tree will not "heal" properly. This places the tree in greater danger of insect attacks and disease exposure. Topping a tree does nothing but hurt the tree and increases the likelihood of future hazards.

The act of topping a tree usually means the removal of at least 50 percent of the canopy. The canopy of a tree is comprised mostly of the leaf bearing branches. This puts the tree into stress which causes increased shoot growth. These shoots are many times weaker than normal branch attachments and in time will make the tree more hazardous than before it was topped. A severely topped tree is usually dead in a few years, or less. A topped tree is also an eyesore. It ruins the aesthetic quality of the tree and surrounding landscape. Large mature trees have a great financial impact on property values too. To top these trees is throwing money down the drain. If you reside in the City of Franklin section 2-112 of the Municipal Code prohibits the topping of any public tree.

It is never necessary to ever top any tree! Any educated arborist would be happy to explain proper pruning options that would be best for the tree and yourself. Before being lulled in to the topping pitch please examine all of your options. If the tree or trees in question are in such bad shape that they should be topped it might be best to completely remove them and plant new trees. Remember always plant the right tree in the right place. If you live near utility lines it is probably not a good idea to plant a large growing tree underneath these lines. Save yourself the headaches and do your research before you plant.

Apple Orchard at Eastern Flank Battlefield Park

Included in the master plans for the City of Franklin's Eastern Flank Battlefield Park is the reestablishment of an apple tree orchard that was present at the time of the Battle of Franklin. At that time the orchard consisted of varieties of apple trees that were popular at the time. These varieties are now more susceptible to pests and diseases than they were 150 years ago. The City of Franklin decided to plant current varieties that are sustainable and can produce fruit that can be used as food. These varieties include Molly Delicious, Red Delicious, Yellow Delicious, and Mutsu. These trees have been planted in the same location as the original orchard at the south side of the park near the historic Carnton and Confederate Cemeteries.



Tennessee Birding 101: Can you Identify these Birds?

Presented by: City of Franklin Tree Commission

Please join us for these 2 opportunities to sharpen your ID skills while focusing on the birds that can be seen in Tennessee at this time of year. These lectures are FREE and open to the public.



Instructor: Susan Bradfield

Lectures will be held at :

Franklin City Hall

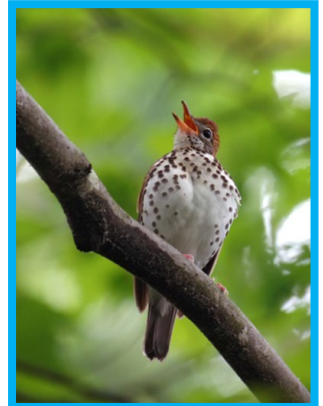
109 Third Ave. South

Franklin, TN 37064

Resident Birds and Late Winter Migrants

Wednesday, April 2nd

6:30-8:00pm



Neotropical Migratory Birds now returning from Latin America

Wednesday, April 30th

6:30-8:00pm

The Growing Kids Educational Garden

Made possible by a partnership between the Franklin Farmers Market Educational Foundation and the City of Franklin Parks Department.

The Growing Kids Educational Garden located at the Park at Harlinsdale Farm at 239 Franklin Rd., hosts a variety of programs for children in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade on Tuesdays at 3:45pm throughout the months of April & May. These creative, hands-on lessons teach the participants about everything, good or bad, that affects how their gardens grows. The learning doesn't stop at the garden gate, there are lots of take-home projects too. All classes are FREE and last for about an hour!! Registration forms can be found by clicking on the following link to the farmers market webpage: [Registration form.](#)

April 22nd: The Mystery Seed Experiment

April 29th: Sow it – Grow it – Eat it- Know it!

May 6th: The Poop Pot Project

May 13th: Birds, Bees & Butterflies

May 20th: Plant a Pizza

May 27th: Doing the Worm Wiggle



Learn to Grow. Grow to Learn.

The Franklin Farmers Market Educational Foundation

Growing Kids Educational Gardens

Renting a Pavilion or Event Space in a Franklin City Park

Please contact the Franklin Parks office with inquiries regarding rental availability at 615-794-2103 or email tiffany.fantine@franklinton.gov. For more information visit our website at www.franklinton.gov/parks.

Eastern Flank Event Facility

A beautifully refurbished club house set in a unique and historical location inside Eastern Flank Battlefield Park in Franklin. Please keep us in mind when planning for Business Meetings or Luncheons, Graduation Parties, Weddings, Corporate Retreats and more. Rental includes use of indoor and outdoor space at a very reasonable price.



The Park at Harlinsdale Farm

A rustic historical park located across from the Factory in downtown Franklin. Harlinsdale Farm is a passive park that maintains the character of a horse farm with rentable event spaces, walking trails, a dog park, catch and release fishing pond and more.

Special Event Permit for Other Park Spaces

Permits will be required for groups of 50 or more persons to gather in a City of Franklin Park. Please check with the parks department to make sure space is available for your gathering. Popular Parks available for appropriate usage include: Aspen Grove, Fieldstone Park, Fort Granger, Collins Farm, Pinkerton Park, Jim Warren Park, and Win-

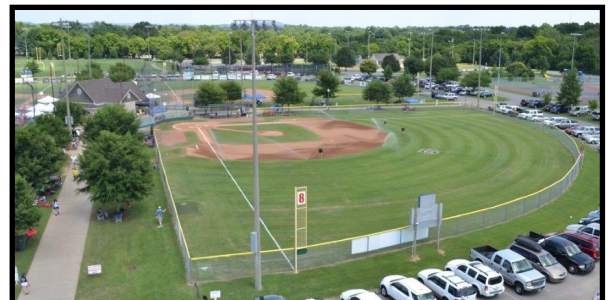


Pavilion Reservations

The enclosed pavilion at Jim Warren Park is available to reserve for up to 75 people with access to a playground, basketball and tennis courts, and walking trails. Aspen Grove Park offers a beautiful open pavilion that will hold 50 people with access to walking trails, a playground, and green space. The application process is very simple and these pavilions are perfect for small informal gatherings and picnics.

Athletic Field Reservations

The city offers healthy and fun recreational and sports activities for adults and youth alike including baseball, softball, football, disc golf, basketball, fishing, skateboarding, tennis, lacrosse and more. Please contact the parks department for more information regarding renting our facilities.



We've Been Busy!

Check out some of what we've been up to this winter!

New Swings in Tinkerbell

During the cold winter months, the maintenance division in the parks has been busy installing new playground equipment at Tinkerbell Playground. Tinkerbell was built by volunteers more than 20 years ago and was an all wood structure playground. At the time it was installed, it was considered to be a top of the line system. Over the years it has weathered many storms and the flood of 2010. The Maintenance division installed 2 new swing sets and new monkey bars. All 3 of the new structures are very colorful and fit well with the playgrounds theme. All of the demolition and construction was done in house by maintenance division employees. The three structures together cost less than \$12,000 and will last through many years of fun for the community.



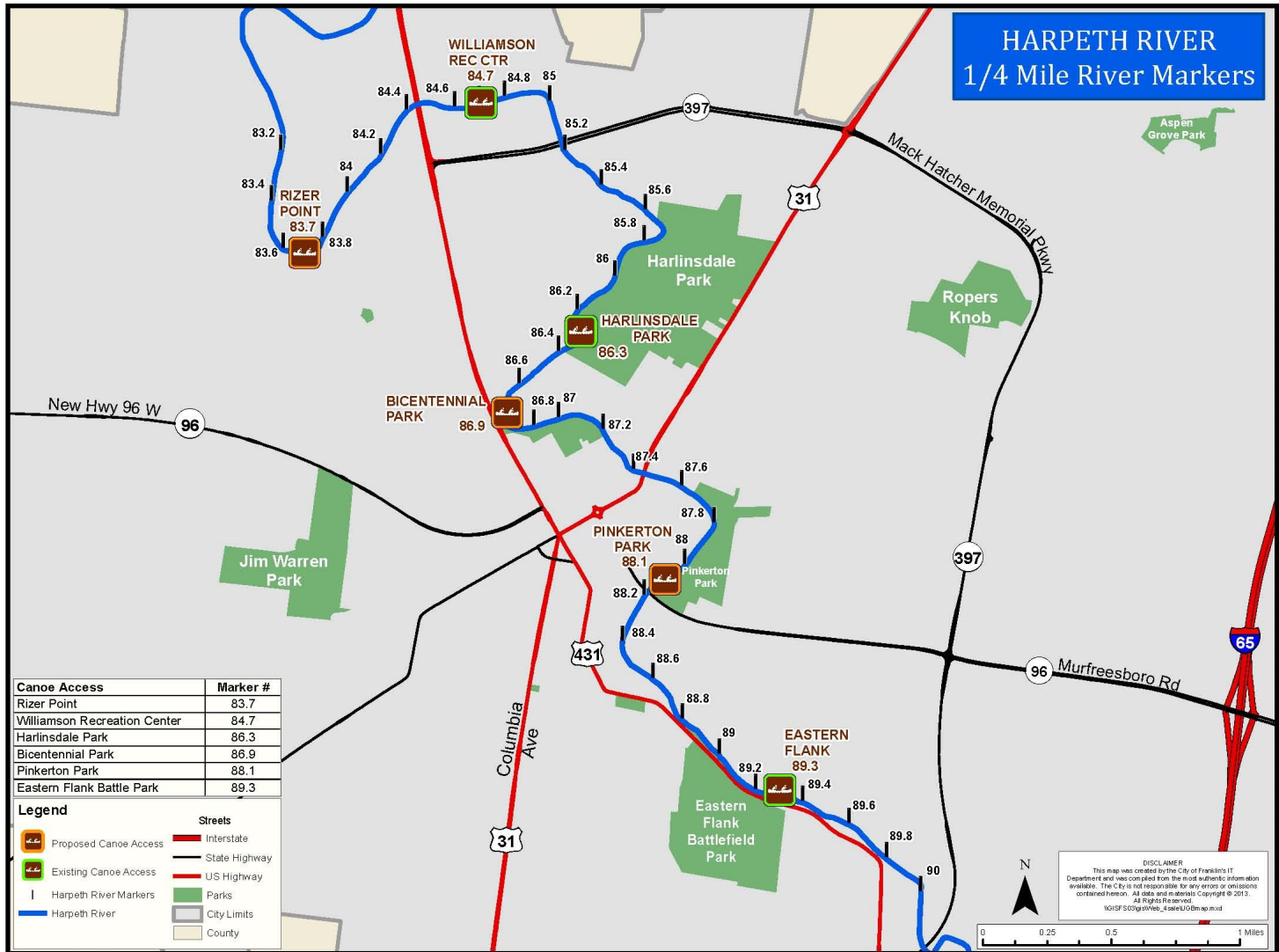
New Irrigation at Fieldstone Park

This winter the Athletics Division installed a new irrigation system on Field 3 at Fieldstone Park. Fieldstone has four softball fields: Fields 1-2 have existing irrigation, Field 3 just completed this past winter, and Field 4 will be completed in the winter of 2014-2015. The new system on Field 3 consists of 10 valves, 30 irrigation heads and more than 3,000 feet of schedule 200 PVC pipe. This was a difficult project due to the very cold and wet winter we had. The weather made it difficult for us to get on the field for weeks at a time. The field was consistently wet and when we would try to get on the field, we would sink into the mud. Needless to say, we have the system completely installed now. The only item left is to turn the water back on and adjust all the irrigation heads and hope for minimal leaks. Those staff that worked on this winter project included: Kevin Lewis, Ricky Cox, Matthew Goff and Andrew Young.



Canoe Access to Harpeth River to be offered at several sites

Please visit the new Canoe Access at Eastern Flank Battle Field Park. The location of the Canoe Access is located on Lewisburg Pike (Hwy 431) across from the entrance of Eastern Flank Battle Field Park. The river mile marker number will be 89.3 and will be posted onsite with signage that will educate the dam removal process. There will be a QR code on the signage that will show a map of the Harpeth River with existing and future Canoe Access along the river. This map was created by the City of Franklin's GIS department. The next Canoe Access planned by the Parks Department will be at the Park at Harlinsdale Farm. This will be installed sometime in 2014. Happy Canoeing!



Road Resurfacing at The Park at Harlinsdale Farm

In mid-March the loose pea gravel will be removed along the main road in preparation for paving to start in early-April (weather depending). The existing road will be topped with a West Tennessee Mix that would look like asphalt. This mix of asphalt has Brown Pea Gravel inserted instead of white limestone gravel. When the paving takes place it will look black just like regular asphalt at first but within 6 months to a year and beyond, it will turn brown and look much what we have down now but will be durable for traffic with little to no maintenance. This should improve travel without having all the dust to deal with when events are being held at the farm.

Special Events Calendar 2014

All dates are subject to change. Please call the EVENT HOTLINE for current information: 615-550-6947 or visit our website at www.franklinton.gov/parks

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
PARK DAY	SATURDAY APRIL 5 RAIN OR SHINE	8:30AM – 12 NOON	EASTERN FLANK BATTLEFIELD PARK	Volunteer Day to clean park and plant flowers and landscape.
ARBOR DAY	SATURDAY APRIL 5 RAIN OR SHINE	10AM—2PM	PINKERTON PARK	Tree Sapling Giveaway, Family activities and environmental education.
TOUCH A TRUCK	FRIDAY MAY 16 Rainout date June 6	4:30-7:00PM	PINKERTON PARK	Access to Public Works and many other trucks and vehicles, family activities including a magic show, and bounce house.
KIDS MAGIC SHOW	WEDNESDAY JUNE 4	9:30-11:30AM	PINKERTON PARK	TERRY HEDGES, Magician back by popular demand!
MOVIE IN THE PARK	FRIDAY JUNE 6	8PM	PINKERTON PARK	
INDEPENDENCE DAY	FRIDAY JULY 4	6PM	THE PARK AT HARLINSDALE FARM	FIREWORKS PARKING
MOVIE IN THE PARK	FRIDAY JUNE 27	8PM	PINKERTON PARK	
KIDS SHOW	WEDNESDAY JULY 9	9:30-11:30AM	PINKERTON PARK	STAGE SHOW-details TBA
MOVIE IN THE PARK	FRIDAY JULY 25	8PM	PINKERTON PARK	
KIDS SHOW	WEDNESDAY JULY 23	9:30-11:30AM	PINKERTON PARK	STAGE SHOW-details TBA
FAMILY DAY	SATURDAY OCTOBER 4	11:30AM-2PM	THE PARK AT HARLINSDALE FARM	Fun, farm activities and entertainment for the whole family!
FRANKLIN PET EVENT	SAT. OCTOBER 18	10AM-3PM	THE PARK AT HARLINSDALE FARM	TBA
“INCIDENT AT FORT GRAINGER”	SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8	3PM	FORT GRAINGER PARK	OUTDOOR PLAY BY PULLTIGHT THEATER
CHRISTMAS EVENT	FRIDAY DECEMBER 5	TBA	EASTERN FLANK BATTLEFIELD PARK	TBA

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See What's New

You can log onto our website to see all of our current events and happenings at all of our parks.

Log onto the City of Franklin Parks Department webpage at www.franklinton.gov under the parks tab you will see our Parks Event Calendar. Things

are a little slower right now, but things are beginning to pick up and will continue to do so throughout the spring! You can also call out events hotline at **615-550-6947** for the current month's activities.

We would love to hear your feedback and are willing to answer any questions you have. Please contact us by emailing to parksinfo@franklinton.gov or by calling our administrative office at **615-794-2103**.



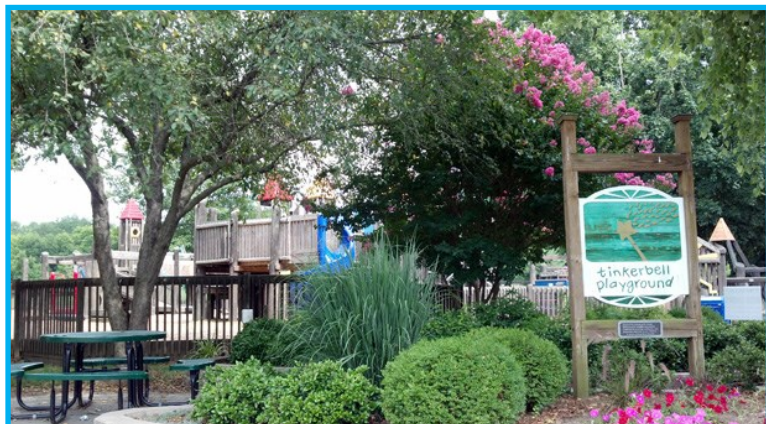
"A Walk in the Park" City of Franklin Parks TV Show

Check out the City of Franklin Parks Department's TV Show, broadcasting now on your local Franklin Government TV channel or visit the City of Franklin YouTube Channel to see current shows.

Let us know what you would like to see discussed in upcoming episodes at parksinfo@franklinton.gov.

The Parks are essential components of Franklin's quality of life. The City of Franklin's Parks Department is committed to bringing exciting and valuable activities to all Franklin residents, as well as planning and maintaining first rate parks facilities. We need your help to let us know how we are doing. Please click on the link, go to "Parks General Survey", and tell us what programs, events and improvements you would like to see us provide in the future. <http://www.franklinton.gov/index.aspx?page=878>

Visit a Franklin Park



"A Retreat From the Ordinary"